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Letter dated 8 January 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Mr. Hakija Turajlic, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, was murdered today by Serbian extremists while he was under the protection of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR). Mr. Turajlic was returning from Butmir airport in an UNPROFOR vehicle escorted by other UNPROFOR vehicles on a United Nations controlled road. The UNPROFOR convoy was blocked by two tanks belonging to aggressor forces, and Mr. Turajlic was shot eight times while sitting in the vehicle.

It is my understanding that UNPROFOR was not to stop under any circumstances or to open their vehicles for inspection by aggressor forces. The astonishing circumstances of Mr. Turajlic's murder require a full explanation of the conduct of UNPROFOR at the time of the murder. Please accept this letter as a demand for such an explanation.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 143, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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